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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-19</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2001-100792 A (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.), 13 April 2001 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 7-264582 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 13 October 1995 & US 5781237 A

Document 3: JP 2000-295698 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 20 October 2000 (Family: none)

Document 4: JP 2003-218701 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 31 July 2003 & WO 03/042981 A1 & US 2003/0093264 A1

(Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12, 16-19)

Document 1 cited in the ISR describes that a stereo signal (first encoded signal) in which the multichannel signals are down-mixed is encoded in an audio encoder and that a signal (second encoded signal) for generating a multichannel signal is encoded.

Document 2 cited in the ISR describes that an encoding quantity of encoded signals is computed and a signal representing the encoding quantity is multiplexed on the coded signal.

Multiplexing the encoding quantity of the encoded signal with respect to audio encoding described in document 1 could be easy for a person skilled in the art.

Furthermore, selecting a position on a bit stream for disposing a signal representing the encoding quantity is merely a design matter.

Describing a signal representing the encoding quantity with a variable length is merely a design matter.

Computing the encoding quantity of a second encoded signal including the ineffective data would be appropriately achieved by a person skilled in the art.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: Box V

(Claims 6, 7, 11, 13, 14)

Document 3 cited in the ISR describes that when a down-mixing processing is performed, a computation is conducted that uses a header transfer function in a multichannel signal.

Performing computation by using a header transfer function in a multichannel signal in down-mixing processing in an audio encoder described in document 1 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.

(Claim 15)

Document 4 cited in the ISR describes switching an encoding mode according to the amount of supplied power.

Switching an encoding mode according to the amount of supplied power (that is, determining a decoding object signal) in the decoding processing of encoded signals described in document 1 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.